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**COUNTY TO TELL HOW IT'S SAVING ENERGY AND MONEY
AND MARK EARTH DAY'S SILVER YEAR ON APRIL 24**

Fulton County will announce the energy and cost-saving benefit of its participation in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Green Lights program and commemorate Earth Day's silver anniversary year during a special events program at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 24, in the Assembly Hall at Government Center.

Green Lights, a component of EPA's Energy Star Building program, is a voluntary initiative in which the federal government, private companies, non-profit organizations and local governments work together in profit-making, pollution preventing activities. Green Lights partners like Fulton County commit to using energy-efficient lighting technology that meets lighting needs while using less energy.

During the renovation of the Fulton County Justice Center, the County followed Green Lights guidelines which in the future will save the county \$47,649 annually.

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As the County lights even more of its buildings according to Green Lights guidelines, County officials expect to cut lighting costs by more than 40 percent per year, for a savings of \$250,000 annually.

To mark Earth Day's quarter century, the County has invited selected businesses to discuss and demonstrate recycling systems. Moreover, the County expects to begin operation of a Department of the Environment and an Environmental Court by July 1.

The department will consolidate most environment-related County responsibilities in one place, while the Environmental Court will dedicate a prosecutor and a jurist to hear allegations of environment-related crimes on a rotating basis in south, central and north Fulton County.

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